

## PRESIDENT WILSON CONFERS WITH REPUBLICAN SENATORS

### CORA MAY ON STAND IN HER TRIAL FOR MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Declares Billy Scared Her  
And She Shot in De-  
fense.

### HAD NO HARD FEELINGS

Sympathetic Dog Enters  
Court Room and Goes  
to Witness.

"I shot to protect my own life. I had no ill will against him and did not know he had any against me. He made at me with his knife drawn back. I got scared and shot one time. He kept coming and I shot two or three more times."

Mrs. Cora May, 19 year old wife of the late William May, said that when she went on the witness stand this morning to relate to the jury the circumstances which led to the shooting by her of her husband.

Mrs. May was on the witness stand for more than an hour and was very closely cross-examined by Prosecuting Attorney Walter Haggerty. She talked in a loud tone of voice and answered every question distinctly, occasionally laughing at some of the questions which Prosecuting Attorney Haggerty asked her.

Attempt at attempt was made to get her to say that she was angry at her husband, but she always replied that she was not angry and had not been angry.

She testified that she had known William May for about two months before she was married to him; that she had been in Fairmont for about one year and that she had been working for May about one month when they were married. She stated that he ran a restaurant, gambling den and a rooming house. She said that men and women went there and got rooms and that frequently colored women and white men would be accommodated.

While she was giving her testimony, a white dog came running into the court room and went directly to the chair occupied by the witness and crawled upon Mrs. May's lap as if to sympathize with her. The dog was annoying to the witness as she tried to answer questions and it was taken from the court room. Attorney Shaw asked Mrs. May if the dog belonged to her and she replied that it did not.

In continuing her testimony, Mrs. May testified that she had been to a colored show at the Grand opera house; the show was out about 11 o'clock after which she went to a dance on Water street, remaining there until about 12:30. When she started for her home which was only about one-half a block away.

When she entered the May restaurant she saw Charles Moore and Charles Davis, both colored, and the latter asked if she would play a game or two of checkers. She consented and after a game or two were played, she went behind the counter and there saw her husband. "Hello, Billy," she said, and Billy replied "Hello."

She went down stairs to get her dog and there found several men in the gambling room.

She then went upstairs to her room and found her trunk open and her clothes gone. She went down stairs and asked Billy if he had rented her room later asking where her clothes were. "Where is my gun," May asked. "You can have your gun when you go upstairs," was the reply. Mrs. May then told about going upstairs and getting her gun for him, returning to the kitchen. May then asked where he had been since the show and she told him that she had been to the dance, whereupon he became angry and upon exclaiming "You are a d-d liar, and have not been to the dance," started after her.

According to Mrs. May's testimony he was almost in reaching distance of her when she fired the first time. She testified that he kept coming and she fired two or three more times and he still kept coming after her.

Mrs. May ran out and went toward the river bridge, there throwing the gun into the river. She went across (Continued on page three.)

**DANCE TONIGHT**  
Manley Hotel  
Newly Waxed Floor  
Electric Fans.  
Ginner's Orchestra

**Palace Restaurant.**  
Formerly Anderson's  
123 MAIN ST.  
The best place in Fair-  
mont to eat.

### Oh, Listen Here!

By ADAM S. LANE.

It was a Near  
Thing,  
But I got By!  
I Voted—  
Yes, Boy!  
I know now Just  
How I am Going  
To Feel  
On the Judgment  
Day.  
I was Prepared  
To the Teeth—  
As I hope To  
Be—  
Then—  
But there Was  
A sort Of  
Hollow Feeling  
That I Might  
Have forgotten Something  
After All.  
Hermione pinned A  
Flower upon My  
Coat  
And cheered Me  
Forth right After  
Lunch,  
And I Advanced  
To the Encounter  
Fine Brass  
Exterior  
But Leaden  
Within.  
As I Nearer  
The scene Of  
Action,  
I met Neut Jamison  
And M. A. Fletcher  
Completely Thomas Tuckered  
Out!  
"Land sakes!" I  
Thought,  
"What have Them  
There banks been Up  
To?"  
I wobbled Through  
The Door,  
And Clay Amos Stepped  
Up to Me  
And yanked The  
Flower out of My  
Coat,  
And cast it Away—  
I drew Back  
To Smite  
Him  
For the Insult.  
"Be calm, Adam,  
For heaven's sake Don't  
Wear anything in Here  
To remind Them  
Of Marsh Jacobs!"  
And then the Inquisition  
Began.  
"Are you a Republican?"  
"I am!" I affirmed.  
"Well, we'll Look  
In the Book  
And See!"  
They Saw.  
I wasn't there Because  
I didn't Live  
Here Then.  
"Mr. Lane, was Your  
Great Grandfather a Republican?"  
"Yes, Mr. Tucker!"  
"Prove It!"  
I then produced My  
Ancestor's affidavit With  
G. Washington's Signature  
On It.  
"How 'bout Your Father  
And Grandfather?  
Will you take your Oath  
That they Never  
Split their Ticket?"  
"I will!"  
"Now, Mr. Lane, for Whom  
Are you Voting?"  
"For Arnett and Davis,  
'Course!"  
"Thunderation, whyn't You  
Say So!  
You vote and Get  
Out of Here!"  
So—besides I'm—  
There are 900  
And 29  
Who safely Lie  
In the Shelter  
Of the Fold  
And Harry says If  
He decides To  
Enlarge the Fold  
He will Announce  
It.  
Before the County  
Confict.  
Professor, remember That  
Entrancing comic Opera  
Air,  
"Look in the Book  
And See!"  
C'mon, Then,  
Less Look—  
Ah-h-h!

Told Him Himself.  
When did you first discover that  
you loved the girl you married?  
Oh, she put me wise to it, after I  
had been going with her for a while.  
—San Francisco Chronicle.

Not Her Style.  
Bill—I love you, Liza. I love you  
well enough to bloomin' well die fer  
you.  
Liza—No good ter me, Bill. I want  
someone who'll love me well enough  
ter bloomin' well work for me.

### LEGISLATORS FAVOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Some of Them Are Urging Governor Cornwell to Call a  
Special Session for the Purpose  
of Ratifying It.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Members of the West Virginia legislature are urging Governor John J. Cornwell to call a special session for the prompt ratification of the suffrage amendment. The governor is one of the strong supporters of National Woman Suffrage.

Every response so far received by the National Woman's party, in the poll which it is taking of the West Virginia legislature, pledges support to ratification. Among the letters received from legislators this week are:

Edgar B. Stewart, of Morgantown, says, "I am pleased to say that I shall vote to ratify the amendment whenever I, as a member of our state senate am given an opportunity to do so."

Harvey W. Harmer, of Clarksburg, writes: "I am not only in favor of ratifying the National Suffrage Amendment but am urging the governor to call the legislature in a special session for that purpose."

Roy C. Grove, of Martinsburg, writes: "I will, with much pleasure, vote in favor of extending the right of suffrage to women and it is my present intention to vote to ratify it."

Joseph M. Sanders, of Bluefield, says: "For many years I have been in favor of extending the right of suffrage to women and it is my present intention to vote to ratify it."

Albert J. Kern, of Fairmont, states: "I have been an advocate of woman suffrage for fifteen years or more, and I shall, if given the opportunity, vote in favor of the amendment as a member of the West Virginia legislature."

D. E. Cuppert, of Thomas, states: "I am unqualifiedly for it and will use every effort in my power to secure its adoption. I am informed that Governor

Cornwell is favorable to the adoption of the amendment, and suggest that every effort be made to induce him to call an extra session to consider the matter."

D. D. Moran, of Mullens, says: "I will vote in favor of ratifying the amendment of the United States constitution extending the right of suffrage to women when it comes before the legislature of my state. Get an extra session for that purpose."

W. M. Morris, of Mt. Clare, states: "If the legislature of our state is called by the governor to meet in extra session for the purpose of ratification of the suffrage amendment, I will vote for it, as I now see the matter."

J. H. Hobbs, of Hinton, writes: "I am in favor of the greatest step forward consider the ratifying of the suffrage in all the history of man. Yes, I am going to vote for it and work as I have done for many years for the consummation of this great cause."

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### DEMOCRATIC BOSSES NOT SHOWING THEIR HANDS REGARDING CANDIDATES

Convention Saturday Night Will Not Be Embarrassed  
From Any Lack of Perfectly Willing  
Candidates.

**SOME OF THE NAMES THAT ARE MENTIONED**

Believed That J. Walter Barnes Has Been Slated for the  
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**RUMORS OF BIG  
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Plan to Connect Elkins,  
Grafton and Cumberland  
Said to Be on Foot.

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CUMBERLAND, Md., July 17.—It was announced today that a New York syndicate is about to take over the Cumberland Electric Railway System and the plant of the Edison Electric Illumination company, of which former United States Senator R. L. Wellington is president.

Mr. Wellington declared today that the company had been approached regarding the sale of their property and such a thing is an early probability.

The plan, it was said, calls for the connecting up of all the towns by trolley forming a system between Cumberland and Elkins and Grafton, West Virginia.

Senator Wellington said that the ownership of the Cumberland properties would be necessary to carry out this big merger scheme. It is understood that electric power would be transmitted several hundred miles from a central plant to be located in the Alleghenys which would be operated by water power from dams.

Neill—Miss Antique says all men are alike.  
Belle—Yes, I guess they all look good to her. —Answers.

**Many Opportunities  
in American Navy**

Wake up, young men, here is an opportunity you have been looking forward to. Take advantage of serving your country, see the world, learn a trade, receive an education and get paid for it.

Enlistments are authorized in the Navy for periods of two, three and four years as applicant may wish in any rating now open for first enlistment except machinist which must be three years.

Men under eighteen years of age can enlist for two, three or four years but must have parents' consent. A previous service man may enlist for two, three or four years and receive continuous service pay but bonus will be for two, three, or four months pay depending upon the length of new enlistment.

The war pay is now permanent for all Navy men. Think this over seriously, call on the Navy recruiting officer at the Manley hotel and get further information Friday.

Why Not Try a West Virginian Want Ad? They Are Little But MIGHTY in Their Pulling Power.